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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1 the phrases "such as, e.g., ...or the like", "a tip or front cap", "a heel or rear cap", "preferably guded", and "designed as a preformed...", in claim 2 the phrases "the tip and/or heel caps" and "being connected with each other", in claim 3 the phrases "on the one hand.." and "on the other hand...", in claim 5 the phrase "Strobel seam or by gluing or the like", in claim 9 the phrases "optionally provided..", "preferably...", and "by a seam or by gluing" are vague, indefinite, alternative, confusing, and it is not clear what positive limitations are being claimed.

In claim 10 the phrase "are connected on the side of the last" is confusing, vague, and indefinite.

In claim 11 the phrase "horizontally separated" is confusing, vague, indefinite, and not understood.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hockerson (4322895).

Hockerson shows a shoe comprising an upper (22), a front cap (shown in figure 5), a heel cap 26), a sole part (30), and a wedge (32) as claimed.

4. Claims 1-7, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kurrash (4580359).

Kurrash shows a shoe comprising an upper (10), a front cap (26), a heel cap (24), a sole part (34 and 36), and a wedge (38) as claimed.

5. Claims 1-7, and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Clark (6205683).

Clark shows a shoe comprising an upper (10), a front and heel cap (shown in figure 7), a sole part (40 and 50), and a wedge (20) as claimed.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (2003/0208931) in view of Clark or Kurrash.

Chen shows a shoe comprising an upper (50), a sole part (20), and a wedge (80/30) with a wedge thereon (at 91) for the upper and an insole (102) substantially as claimed except for a front cap and heel cap. Either Clark or Kurrash teaches the well known and conventional use of front and heel caps. It would have been obvious to provide a front and heel cap as taught by either Clark or Kurrash as is well known and conventional in

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the shoe of Chen to provide increase support and strength at the toe and heel portions of the shoe.

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